

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re U.S. Application of:)

Applicant(s): Richard J. Ernst)

Serial No.: 10/687,451)

Conf. No.: 8743)

Filed: October 16, 2003)

For: ROD HANGER FOR)
SECURING A ROD TO A)
SUBSTRATE)

Art Unit: 3632)

Examiner: Epps, Todd Michael)

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Commissioner for Patents
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May 24, 2006
Date

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	24	0	\$50.00	\$ 00.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00	\$ 00.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$360.00	\$ 00.00
Total Additional Fee					\$ 00.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$ 00.00

☒ Amendment D.☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.☐ Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$_____.☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

☒ If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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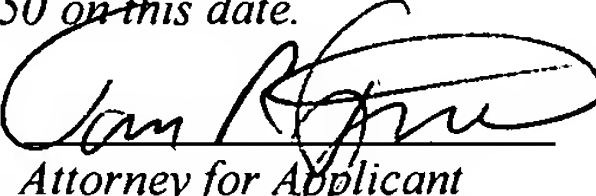
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 24, 2006, the Applicant through his undersigned attorney provides the following remarks traversing selected of the rejections of the Final Office Action.